

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. 117945 --Fire Permit Fee Ordinance

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

Staff Analyst: John McCoy

Council Bill or Resolution: 117945

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Budget Action description:

This green sheet passes Council Bill 117945, the Fire Permit fee ordinance. This ordinance eliminates a \$10 filing fee for confidence testing paperwork, which is expected to reduce General Fund revenue by \$125,000. The ordinance also eliminates the requirement that confidence testing reports be filed with the Fire Marshal's office. The actual testing of sprinkler and alarm systems will continue to be required, and fire inspectors will continue to review the testing reports as part of their annual building inspections. The 2014 Proposed Budget, in a related action, reduces Fire Department staffing by 1.0 Fire Lieutenant, which is associated with this body of work, making the change largely budget neutral.

The Washington State Auditor found in late 2012 that the Fire Marshal's office did not have a business need for this paperwork filing requirement or fee and recommended simplifying the office's procedures.